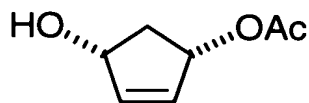


Abstract

This invention relates to a process for the synthesis of enantiomerically enriched (1S,4R) 1-acetoxy-4-hydroxycyclopent-2-ene of Formula I, a compound useful as an intermediate in the synthesis of prostaglandins and prostanoids.

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**Formula I**